

REMARKS

In the Decision on Appeal dated January 29, 2004, the Board sustained the prior art rejection of claims 48-51 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Board reversed the prior art rejection of claims 1-4, 6-14 and 22-32 and 35-47 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

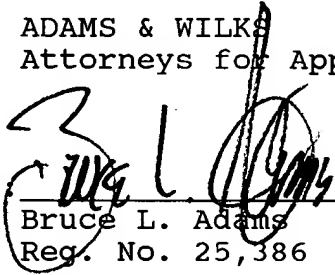
The present amendment is being submitted to place the application in condition for allowance based on the Board's Decision. By this amendment, applicants have canceled rejected claims 48-51, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance with claims 1-4, 6-14, 22-32 and 35-47.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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